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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

10:00 A.M.

- A. ROLL CALL**
- B. CHAIR REMARKS**
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- D. 10:05 A.M. – INTERVIEW – RE: Appointment to the Elected Official Compensation Commission. (Geneva Williams)**
- E. 10:20 A.M. – INTERVIEW – RE: Appointment to the Elected Official Compensation Commission. (Isaiah McKinnon)**
- F. 10:35 A.M. – INTERVIEW – RE: Appointment of the Chief of Police. (Interim Chief**

James White)

- G. 10:50 A.M. – INTERVIEW – RE: Appointment to the Downtown Development Authority. (Charles Beckham)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Status of **Law Department** submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of Aquatic Solutions Physical Therapy, LLC et al v. City of Detroit; Case No.: 20-000308-NF, File No.: L20-00063, AA, A2000, in the amount of **\$7,000.00** in full payment for any and all claims which Aquatic Solutions Physical Therapy, LLC may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 9-8-21)**
2. Status of **Law Department** submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of C-Spine Orthopedics, PLLC (Linda Sharp) v City of Detroit; Case No.: 19-012135-NF, File No.: L19-00628, AA, A20000, and in the amount of **\$20,000.00**, in full payment for any and all claims which C-Spine Orthopedics, PLLC may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 9-8-21)**
3. Status of **Law Department** submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of Newman, Stacy L. v City of Detroit and Detroit Dept. Transportation; Case No. 20-008925-NI, File No. L20-00496 (PP) A20000, in the amount of **\$54,500.00** in full payment for any and all claims which Stacy L. Newman may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 9-8-21)**
4. Status of **Law Department** submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of Cotton, Derrick v City of Detroit, et al.; Case No. 2:20-cv-10043-NGE-MJH, File No. L19-00956 (TO) A37000, in the amount of **\$6,500.00** in full payment for any and all claims which Derrick Cotton may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 9-8-21)**
5. Status of **Law Department** submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of Integra Lab Management (Linda Sharp) v. City of Detroit; 20-153608-GC, L20-00063, AA, A20000, and in the amount of **\$5,000.00** in full payment for any and all claims which Integra Lab Management Name(s) may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 9-8-21)**
6. Status **Law Department** submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of Linda Sharp et al. v City of Detroit; 20-000308-NF, L20-00063, AA, A20000, and in the amount of **\$43,500.00** BI (\$39,000.00) PIP, in full payment for any and all claims which Linda Sharp and may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees

by reason of alleged injuries sustained. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 9-8-21)**

7. Status of **Law Department** submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of Lucid Neurology, PC (Linda Sharp) et al v. City of Detroit; 20-000308-NF, L20-00063, AA, A20000, and in the amount of **\$9,500.00**, in full payment for any and all claims which Plaintiff Lucid Neurology, PC may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 9-8-21)**
8. Status of **Law Department** submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of Randy Lundy v City of Detroit and John Doe; Case No: 19-013756-NI; File No: L19-00934, Alfred Ashu (P82536) in the amount of \$50,000.00 in full payment for any and all claims which **RANDY LUNDY** may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained on or about November 24, 2018. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 9-8-21)**
9. Status of **Law Department** submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of Richard Thirlkill and Tommie Thomas v. City of Detroit and Jerry Jones; Case No: 19-005233-NI; File No: L19-00224, Alfred Ashu (P82536) in the amount of \$5,000.00 in full payment for any and all claims which **TOMMIE THOMAS** may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained on or about April 10th, 2018. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 9-8-21)**
10. Status of **Law Department** submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of Durham, Barbara v Nathaniel Womack, City of Detroit, Allstate Ins.; Case No. 20-012702-NI, File No. L20-00734 (CLR) A37000, in the amount of **\$7,500.00** in full payment for any and all claims which Barbara Durham may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 9-8-21)**
11. Status of **Law Department** submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of Livonia Care Pharmacy (Glenies Gray) v City of Detroit; Case No. 21-157755-GC, File No. L21-00539 (MA), A20000, in the amount of **\$3,000.00** in full payment for any and all claims which Livonia Care Pharmacy may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 9-8-21)**
12. Status of **Law Department** submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of Richard Thirlkill and Tommie Thomas v. City of Detroit and Jerry Jones; 19-005233-NI; L19-00224, Alfred Ashu (P82536), A37000, and in the amount of **\$12,000.00** in full payment for any and all claims which Richard Thirlkill may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 9-8-21)**
13. Status of **Law Department** submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of

Montgomery, John v City of Detroit and John Doe; Case No. 19-007064-NI, File No. L19-00300 (PH) A20000, in the amount of **\$20,000.00** in full payment for any and all claims which they may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 9-8-21)**

14. Status of **Law Department** submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of Walker, Johnathon, Byron Haynes, David Wells v City of Detroit; Case No. 19-015054-NI, File No. L19-00858 (CLR) A20000, in the total amount of \$109,000.00 in full payment for any and all claims which Johnathan Walker, Byron Tyrone Haynes, and David Wells may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained. **(BROUGHT BACK AS DIRECTED ON 9-8-21)**

NEW BUSINESS

MAYOR'S OFFICE

15. Submitting reso. autho. Appointment of Interim Chief James White as Chief of Police for the City of Detroit. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 9-15-21)**

LAW DEPARTMENT

16. Submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of Jessica Webb v City Of Detroit, et al; Case No. 17-016249-NI, Case No. 18-012872-NF, File No. L17-00829, File No. L18-00651 (PMC), A20000, in the amount of **\$845,000.00** in full payment for any and all claims which Jessica Webb may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 9-15-21)**
17. Submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of Relief Physical Therapy & Rehab, Inc. v City of Detroit; Case No. 20-005793-NF, Citylaw File No. L20-00485, AA , Dept. Code A20000, and in the amount of **\$15,000.00**, in full payment for any and all claims which Relief Physical Therapy & Rehab, Inc., may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 9-15-21)**
18. Submitting reso. autho. **Legal Representation and Indemnification** in lawsuit of Lorena Johnson v Christine Kelly, City of Detroit et al; Civil Action Case No. 20-012723-NI for TEO Christine Kelly. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 9-15-21)**
19. Submitting reso. autho. **Legal Representation and Indemnification** in lawsuit of Isha Days v Derry Fletcher and Detroit Department of Transportation; Case No. 20-007013-NI for TEO Derry Fletcher. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 9-15-21)**

20. Submitting reso. autho. **Legal Representation and Indemnification** in lawsuit of Jonathon Finley v City of Detroit; Case No. 20-006408-NI for TEO Kaelin Dawson. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 9-15-21)**
21. Submitting Proposed Ordinance to Amend Chapter 31 of the 2019 Detroit City Code, Offenses; Article II, Obstruction of Government, to amend Section 31-2-2 to expand prohibited conduct and enhance protections to City employees in the performance of their duties. **(FOR INTRODUCTION AND SETTING OF A PUBLIC HEARING?) (REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 9-15-21)**
22. Submitting memorandum relative to Cariol's Law Request. **(The Law Department has submitted a privileged and confidential memorandum, dated September 10, 2021, regarding the above referenced matter.) (REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 9-15-21)**
23. Submitting reso. autho. **Settlement** in lawsuit of Smith, Jr., Edward v City of Detroit DDOT; Case No. 19-002524-NF, File No. L19-00151 (SVD) in the amount of **\$60,000.00** in full payment for any and all claims which Edward Smith Jr. may have against the City of Detroit and any other City of Detroit employees by reason of alleged injuries sustained. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 9-15-21)**

BOARD OF REVIEW/PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

24. Submitting reso. autho. Adoption of New Title for Poverty Exemption Program in Accordance with MCL 211.7u. **(Homeowners Property Tax Assistance Program name was adopted by City Council several years ago with an attempt to uniquely identify the process and provide a more user friendly opportunity to access the exemption process without using the term poverty. During the course of its use, it has been found to be somewhat difficult to sometimes identify and/or use when communicating with the community, especially those that require the assistance. Because of its difficulty to use at times, there has been a number of appeals made from various community partners and organization along with certain internal discussion regarding the current program name. After consideration of different variations, it has been found that the title "Homeowners Property Exemption (H.O.P.E.)" is the simplest and most user friendly name. The title speaks to exactly what it is and creates an acronym that can be branded that provides encouragement. The Board of Review respectfully submits the attached resolution and humbly request that City Council adopt the new name of the program as "Homeowners Property Exemption (H.O.P.E.)." (REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 9-15-21)**

MISCELLANEOUS

25. **Council Member Raquel Castañeda-López** submitting memorandum relative to Proposed Rule Change for Required Council Ethics Training. **(REFERRED TO THE INTERNAL OPERATIONS STANDING COMMITTEE ON 9-15-21)**

H. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. General
- b. Member Reports